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SUBJECT: STATUS REPORT

PASSEA/PRCM, SCS, CU/EA AND DG/MED FOR WATSON OR NYDELL

REF: PEKING 797 (NOTAL)

1. MARY BULLOCK HAS CALLED FROM CANTON TO PROVIDE STATUS REPORT ON BASCH'S CONDITION AND DELEGATION'S THOUGHTS ON FUTURE PROBLEMS.

2. STATUS: BASCH IS STABLE. MAY BE AMBULATORY IN ANOTHER WEEK. DR. BROWN HAS ARRIVED AND WILL PROVIDE REGULAR REPORTS. DR. CHEN PLANS TO REMAIN IN WUHSI ANOTHER WEEK, DR. BROWN UNTIL MAY 8-9. MS. BULLOCK WILL BE IN PRC NEXT TWO WEEKS AND TENTATIVELY PLANNING TO STOP IN WUHSI ON RETURN TRIP TO PEKING. PROGNOSIS: DR. CHEN SAYS IT WILL BE AT LEAST MAY 20 BEFORE BASCH CAN RETURN TO US BY SHIP, OR JUNE 3 IF BY AIR. HEART ATTACK WAS EXTREMELY SERIOUS, BASCH HAS HISTORY OF HEART DISEASE (WHICH CHINESE DOCTORS AWARE OF), AND LONG-TERM PROGNOSIS COMPLEX. THERE ARE NO PLANS TO MOVE BASCH TO SHANGHAI, AS WHEN HE IS FIT TO TRAVEL HE WILL BE FIT FOR RETURN TO US.

3. WITH DEPARTURE FROM WUHSI OF CHEN AND BROWN BY MAY 9, DELEGATION FEELS SITUATION MAY DETERIORATE. PRESENCE OF MRS. BASCH IS OF IMMENSE HELP, BUT DELEGATION UNCLASSIFIED

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FEELS BASCH NEEDS A GOOD PATIENT-DOCTOR RELATIONSHIP TO

ASSIST RECOVERY (CHEN AND BROWN HAVE EXCELLENT RAPPORT WITH BASCH, ONE FACTOR BEING CHEN'S FLUENT ENGLISH). THIS MAY REQUIRE OTHER US DOCTOR TO REMAIN WITH BASCH AFTER MAY 9 AND ACCOMPANY ON RETURN TO US.

4. MS. BULLOCK IS CONTACTING ANN KEATLEY OF CSC TO DISCUSS THESE PROBLEMS AND SEE WHAT ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE. DR. CHEN IS APPARENTLY ALSO HOPEFUL US DOCTOR CAN BE ARRANGED. MRS. KEATLEY CAN PROVIDE DEPT. WITH MORE BACKGROUND ON REASON FOR DELEGATION'S FEELING THAT US DOCTOR REQUIRED.

5. FOR HONG KONG: REQUEST CONGEN ASCERTAIN IF ANY SHIPS WITH PASSENGER CAPACITY AND DOCTOR WILL BE DEPARTING FOR US WEST COAST IN PERIOD MAY 20-MAY 31. PLEASE INFORM USLO OF ANY POSSIBILITIES ALONG THESE LINES. FYI DR. BASCH IS MEMBER OF SCHISTOSOMIASIS GROUP WHO SUFFERED SEVERE HEART ATTACK IN WUHSI APRIL 22. BUSH

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